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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POSSIBLE IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE

REF: BRUSSELS 0881 AND OTHERS

1. HEAD OF MFA AFRICA DEPARTMENT TOLD POLCOUNS MARCH 30
THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN TO SEE HIM A FEW DAYS
AGO TO INFORM GOI OF "MOBUTU PLAN" FOR INTERNAL REFORM AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ZAIRE. BELGIAN TOLD HIM INVITATION
FOR GOI TO PARTICIPATE, ALONG WITH SUCH OTHERS AS SAUDI
ARABIA, AND PROBABLY FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY, WILL BE FORTH-
COMING ONCE INITIAL PLANNING HAS BEEN CUT DOWN AND MADE MORE
PRACTICAL BY GROUP CURRENTLY WORKING ON IT IN BRUSSELS.
BELGIANS ARE CHAIRING THE EFFORT AND FURTHER CONTACT CAN BE
EXPECTED AFTER A COUPLE MORE WEEKS.

2. DEPARTMENT HEAD SAID GOI IS VERY INTERESTED IN ZAIRE'S
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FUTURE AND WILL SEE WHAT IT CAN DO TO ASSIST ONCE SPECIFIC
NEEDS ARE CLEAR, AS WELL AS PLANS OF OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS.
HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HEAD TOLD US (THOUGH APPARENTLY NOT
THE BELGIAN), IRAN IS IN NO POSITION TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY
AT PRESENT. HE DID NOT RULE OUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AFTER
A YEAR OR TWO. HE UNDERSTOOD IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF
ZAIRE ARE BEING STUDIED AT PRESENT BY IMF TEAM IN KINSHASA.

3. DEPARTMENT HEAD REFERRED IN PASSING TO RECENT ATTEMPTED
COUP D'ETAT IN ZAIRE, APPARENTLY INSTIGATED BY LIBYANS,
BUT SURPRISINGLY SEEMING TO INVOLVE A BELGIAN DIPLOMAT IN
KINSHASA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF AWAKENING GOI INTEREST IN
ZAIRE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT KEEP US CURRENTLY INFORMED OF
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS THERE.
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